

Cape Cod Currents

the official newsletter of the Cape Cod British Car Club, Ltd



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"New Boot" - from the Queen "B"

Hi peeps! Here we go....this is going to be fun!!!

For those who don't me (LOL), I'm Roberta "Berta" Rousseau. I have been elected by "unanimous" decision to be your new president of the CCBC and in Keeping with the British tradition, I would like to be thought of as your new Queen B. Queen B works on many levels because my name is **B**erta, I drive a 1977 MGB. I can be a **B** (just kidding) and of course I am now the president or... **Queen**... of this totally awesome **B**ritish car club!!!!

But seriously folks, CCBC has been around for 17 years thanks to the dedication of our founders, the past presidents, the officers, the Board of Governors and of course all of you, the wonderful members that make up this club. I am honored to be such an important part of this club and with the support of all of you, we will keep the spirit alive!! But I can't do this alone. This is your club and it needs your input. I need your help!!! If you have an idea for a run, an event, a tech session let me know - QueenB_CCBC@outlook.com. We will work together as a group to get it done. You won't have to do it alone!!!

Alright back to the fun part!!! This club is FUN!! The members are FUN!! We are an active and FUN club!!

To all the CCBC members.....YAY!! YIPPEE!!

To those who have yet to join the CCBC....what are ya waiting for???

Talk to you next month!!!

Your Queen B

Annual Meeting article by Bill Scott photos by Keith Down & Bill Scott

Once a year we are required to have an annual meeting where we hold an election of new officers and half of the Board of Governors. How do you make this exciting. How do you make this an event where you have to get started early on a spring like morning and want to make the effort to attend. Well,... for an eating and drinking club that has a car problem, you organize a car tour (thanks Charlie Frink), from the BBC in Sandwich to lead the group across the bridge to the BBC in Cedarville to pick up a few more, and head north to the South Shore MINI in Rockland. The Gallery Automotive Auto Group invited us to hold our annual meeting there. Two nice show rooms to hang around and have a close up look at BMWs and importantly, the selection of MINIs and accessories in their show room.

A meeting room had been prepared for us with quiche', muffins, juice and coffee, all a welcome site in the morning. Katherine Ellis, business manager, South Shore MINI, greeted us as we arrived in the parking lot, happily welcomed us into the facilities to show us our meeting room and to see to it that we had everything we needed for the meeting.



Our annual meeting is kind of like a New England town meeting, nearly three hundred members and thirty three show up to vote. After sampling the food, chatting with friends and waiting in the coffee line for that essential cup of coffee, Mike Dallaire welcomed all there and called the meeting to order. Mike announced that he was not running for offices and stressed the importance of holding the elections and the need to have fresh people and ideas in the club's leadership.



Past Presidents jacket from Mikes chair and presented him with a "new" jacket which Mike immediately recognized as his old jacket - patina and all. "Old dirt too" added Pam! Bill quickly explained that Art Cox had Mike's new jacket safely stored (forgot) on his desk at home. I am sure the Jacket will be collected soon. Certainly it is a symbol of our appreciation of Mike's contributions and efforts made towards this club.

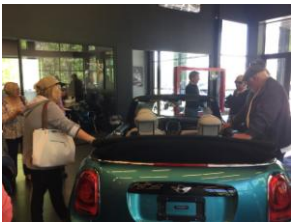
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Annual Meeting Continued

The procedure for the election was describe with candidates for all but one of the opening in the BoG. Don Fletcher volunteered to put his name on the ballot. The election began and the counting was done while Mike mentioned upcoming events and the usual discussion and friendly meeting chatter until the results were ready.

The club now has our first woman President with Roberta Rousseau (Berta) - saying that Queen "B" may be her new club email. That has since been confirmed, it is: QueenB_CCBCC@outlook.com. Bruce Swiren will be the Vice President, Fran Minnock will continue as Treasurer and Bill Scott will serve a Clerk.

Mike Dallaire will now fill a BoG seat as past President, Art Cox will serve another term. Bill Collins and Charlie Frink will return to BoG duties and Don Fletcher will serve the one year opening left when Bruce moved up to VP. The new leadership will join Nancy Ridley and Larry Donnally who will be serving their last year of their terms on the BoG. Congratulations to all, as we are now on the road with a fresh new crew for the road trip through 2017.



Following the meeting, everyone went to the show rooms to look and lust after the new cars, the ones that don't leak and confidently get you to your destination, but hey, what's the fun with that. Ken Stone offered to lead a back roads trip down to Plymouth to The New World Tavern for lunch. It is always good when somebody knows the area and leads a group through interesting and pretty back roads. Mike had advanced our arrival at the tavern, so they were all set up and ready for us, a rather big group to suddenly come in on a beautiful Saturday noon. Everyone seemed to have a good time getting together with good friends and it was a nice finish to a productive Annual Meeting for 2017.



Running of the Valves & Belly up to the BAR article and photos by Jodi Fletcher & Bill Scott

Our recent past president, Mike Dallaire, is an advocate of members sharing knowledge and helping other members, and in doing so, he is a supporter of club tech sessions. So much so, that when he purchased his new 4 post lift, he wanted to hold the Safety Fast inspections at his garage. The success of that event was covered in an article last month in the May issue.



Following Safety Fast, Ken Stone talked to Mike about adjusting the valves in his TR 6, so on May 27th Mike and Pam held a two for one club event to adjust Ken's valves as a tech session, and while some were playing mechanics, others would enjoy a little time out on the deck. When the valves had been adjusted, everyone could "Belly up to the BAR" and Mike would celebrate the season opening of his deck bar - - "Running of the Valves & Belly up to the BAR".

Simple really, many of us don't need much of an excuse to spend a sunny afternoon messing around with cars rather than cutting the grass or some other spring house hold chores. The social ones who like to chit chat, you know, "Catch up" on things, especially nice when on an early summer sunny afternoon, rather than washing window or the curtains. So why not just keep the mood going and everybody just "Belly up to the Bar" , drinks, food and friends.



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Valves & Bar Continued



The valve work went pretty smoothly and quickly, but as always, not everything goes according to plan. It seemed spark plug number two, you know, the one hardest to reach?.....well, It had a few bugged threads making it almost impossible to install the new plug. Mike, Ken and Charlie Frink all struggled to start the threads properly and finally Mike was able to install the plugs following running a compression test. Finally, to start it up and check out the job,



But wait!...., it did **finally** start after much checking of wires, connections and carburetors and cranking. When it did start, it sounded like a very sick car. Many theories, ideas and helpful "what ifs" were exchanged during an hour long struggle, only to find that at some point, two ignition wires had been switch. Once discovered, a quick reversal of the wires and it sounded better than when the TR was driven up on the lift. One successful running of the valves!



Darcy Hunter put his TR6 up on the lift so that he could take a quick look at his undercarriage to check for oil leaks. That done and by that time everyone was ready to Belly up to the Bar. Pick up the few tools and clean off the oil and grease from the hands and ready to head out to the deck where by this time was full of members and friends.

(I had to leave due to a commitment, so Jodi agreed to take over,).... Jodi!

OK...Thanks Bill. I got this...but before I embark on the "Belly Up" coverage, I would like to mention one thing from the "Running of the valves." Mind you, I don't know the first thing about valves (sadly) but the way I understand it, the snafu was a basic math problem in the garage. And by basic, I do mean BASIC... as in counting! Ok play along... everybody count... come on Ken, join in... ONE,TWO,THREE...



At any rate...by the time the problem in the garage had been ameliorated, there was a nice little crowd gathering on the deck (sorry, no photos of the fully crowded deck..what happens on the deck, stays on the deck!) for the second annual opening of Mike's deck bar. Let me tell you, this bar is spectacular. It could be in the Caribbean or Key West and the spacious deck is perfect for a gathering of friends and family. Those of us in the car club really fall into both categories. We are friends who are almost like family and we love welcoming new friends/family. To that end, we welcomed new members Dennis and Rebecca Ward who drive a Jaguar XKR and John and Julie Swartzbaugh who drive a Jaguar S-Type sedan. We were also happy to have Darcy and Mary Hunter back in the fold (so much fun!) The social coup of the season, however, was the presence of Queen B, our newly elected president (otherwise known as Berta Rousseau) and her consort, Paul Rousseau. Do we call him Prince Paul or First Gentleman or what?



Most of the other attendees are repeat offenders who we are always happy to see. Some were actual members of the Dallaire and Minnock families (whom we have all come to know and love,) and some were our car club family, some were friends of friends (Zelda and Bowie and Bill and Laura... great to see you!) There were also some friends who were missing and greatly missed and we hope to see them soon. Everyone contributed vittles, though surprisingly not one bag of chips:) There were two cooking surfaces... one a gas grill and one Mike's new toy...a gas griddle which was manned with expertise and panache by Mike himself (Hello sausages with peppers and onions! YUMMM...) He received an assist from one Donny Fletcher (a newly minted board member.) There was plenty of good food and drink and the company was stellar, as usual.

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Valves & Bar Continued

The weather cooperated nicely with a rare (lately) glimpse of sun just for us. As the evening wore on it became a bit chilly but we coped nicely. There was plenty of music to keep us moving and grooving and we were adequately fueled up and ready to go. The atmosphere was relaxed and light and all in all another successful event is in the books. The deck bar is now officially opened and our Bellies sated. The season has begun!!!!

Breakfast with Lemons article & photos by **Bill Scott**

It is Sunday night and I am reflecting on what a good day this has been. First it was a beautiful blue sky day with just a few scattered clouds by mid afternoon - a rare thing this spring out here on the Cape. It is now seven o'clock and just starting to rain, giving plenty of time for people to get their LBCs home dry. I am writing this before I have talked with our members who were heading back to New Bedford, Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester, and who also might have had to deal with traffic going back across the bridge.

I stress this as we are grateful to our members who make the commitment to get up early to meet at the Sandwich BBC at 7:30 AM and join a tour led by Les and Cynthia Frank to the Optimist Cafe in Yarmouth Port for breakfast. We more than filled one large room with members and friends to enjoy shared company and a good breakfast on this cheery sunny Sunday morning.



Bellies full and ready to roll, we headed east on scenic 6A through Yarmouth, Dennis and into Brewster to the Lemon Tree Village of Shops. Eighteen LBCs lined up in the front parking lot between the store fronts and 6A for all to see as they were driving by. It is a pleasant place to while away an afternoon, with garden areas, benches and tables, a cafe for something to drink or a mid afternoon snack. There are plenty of interesting shops to browse from pottery to bird houses, clothing boutiques to a chocolatier, twelve shops in all.

Parking eighteen LBCs together does attract attention, and many people come in to have a closer look and share their stories about how, "I used to have one of those," etc. etc. Others bring their LBCs cars and ask, "What is going on, what's up? Oh, I didn't know there was an all British car club here on the Cape." It is surprising how many little hidden gems are tucked away, stored here in garages and come busting out as summer breaks into full stride. I think it marks the start of a good driving season.



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CCBCC New Members Welcome

Andrew Grundy 1976 TR6 • 1967 MGB GT • 1970 MGB GT • New Bedford, MA •

Bill Norcott 1961 MGA 1600 • Dennis, MA •

Cape Cod British Car Club - Events

June

[Regular Monthly Meeting & Ice Cream Run](#)

20 June 2017 • BBC • Sandwich, MA • 7:00 PM •

[A Hull of an Event! Tour to Hull and lunch with Kathi & Ron Garner and friends](#)

24 June 2017 • BBC Sandwich to Hull • 9:00AM • Lunch in Hull with the Garners & Friends • 11:30AM

• Details on line • Please Register •

July

[Regular Monthly Meeting & Ice Cream Run](#)

18 July 2017 • BBC • Sandwich, MA • 7:00 PM •

